

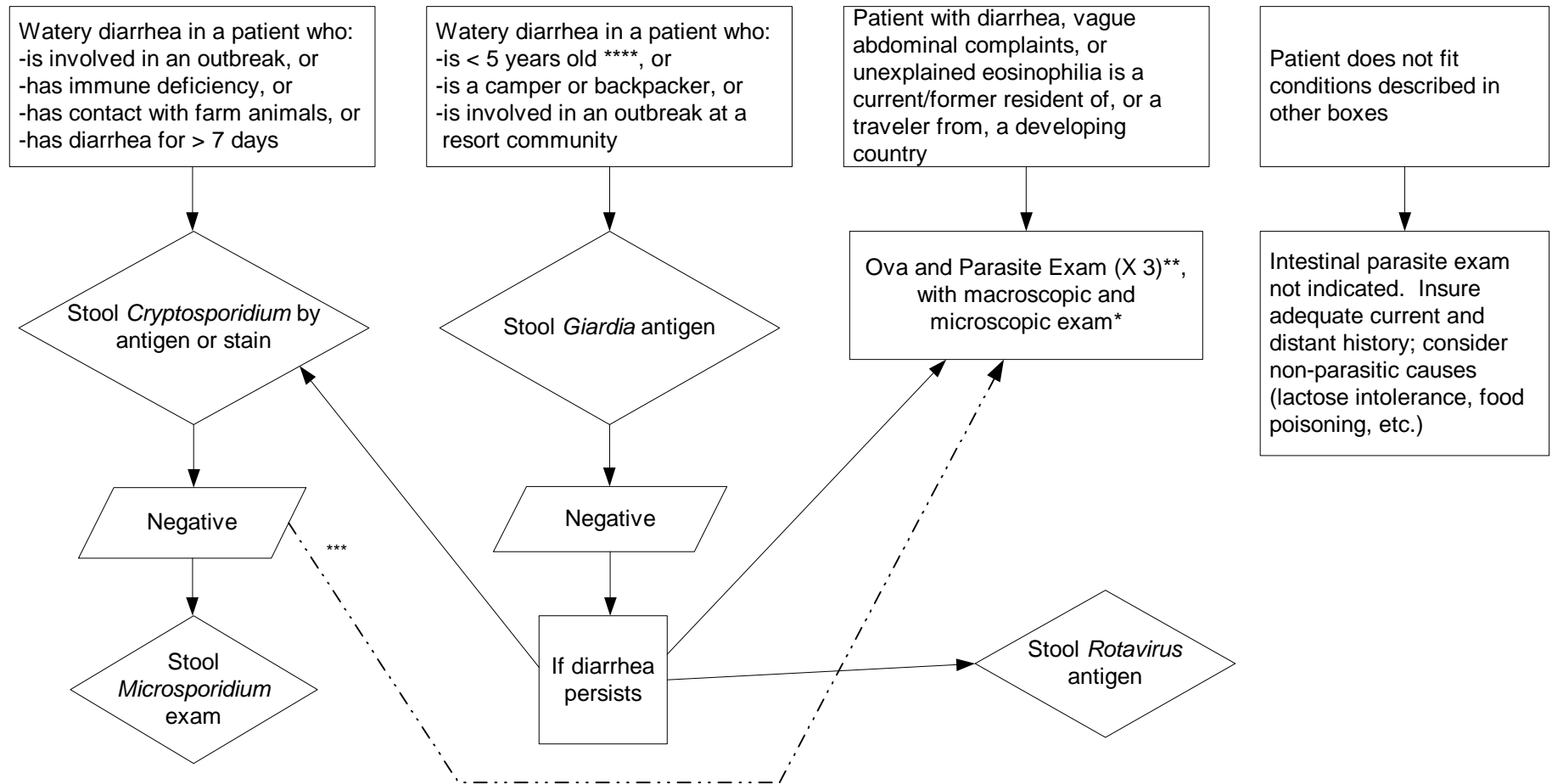
# Laboratory Guidelines For Intestinal Parasites

Suggested Physician Ordering Plan for the Laboratory Examination Of Stool Specimens  
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The individual clinician is in the best position to determine which tests are most appropriate for a particular patient.

### Patient Characteristics



### NOTES:

- \* If negative, consider adding Giardia Antigen test because of greater sensitivity.
- \*\* Collect every other day or 3 samples over 10 days
- \*\*\* Perform O&P exam to look for Cyclospora and Isospora. Some labs perform at same time as *Cryptosporidium*
- \*\*\*\* For < 5 years old, consider ordering Rotavirus antigen as part of initial work up

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